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1. Prior to mid-August 1952, a "Technical Inspectorate" was formed in Dresden, with its seat in Pirna near Dresden. It had a strength by mid-August of about 70 engineers and designers, many of whom had been drawn from VVB EKM headquarters or plants. The Inspectorate was then working with the EKM KEB (Konstruktions- und Entwicklungsbuero - Construction and Development Office) situated on the grounds of the EKM Turbinenfabrik VEB, Dresden N 15, Industriestrae 4. Considerable secrecy was then being observed about this Technical Inspectorate which, however, was understood by employees of EKM to be concerned with aerodynamical problems, in connection with the first steps towards the building of an East German air force.
2. During September and October, the number of workers in the Technical Inspectorate increased. By late September, it was 210. The number of 300 was mentioned as possible by the end of the year. Rooms were found near Pirna for these workers, many of whom were taken daily by bus from Dresden to Pirna.
3. In October, it became known to technical circles in Dresden that the Technical Inspectorate had connections with the Buero fuer Wirtschaftsfragen (BfW) and that it controlled an institute on the Sonnenstein hill in the eastern part of Pirna. The official title of this institute, if any, was unknown, but technical circles in Dresden referred to it as KEB or PKB (Projektions- und Konstruktionsbuero) Sonnenstein.
4. In October, rumor in Dresden technical circles stated that former German officers were working in this institute and that their tasks included the recruitment of scientists, technicians and engineers in the fields of weapons production. Rumor also indicated that there was a laboratory and material test shop in the institute and that, in addition to general aviation research, problems of parachuting, remote control, and aircraft wing and tail design would be studied.

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5. The buildings on the Sonnenstein hill formerly housed a convalescent home for mental patients; since the war they have housed Landkreis Pirna administrative offices. The buildings are now used by the KEB or PKB of the Technical Inspectorate.
6. One employee of the institute on Sonnenstein is Arthur Moebius, a convinced SED member. Moebius was at one time with the firm of Junkers, Dessau, in the wing design section. He then went to the EKM Turbinenfabrik VEB, Dresden. He is now at the Sonnenstein Institute, working closely with Obering. Gustav Preiskorn, head of EKM KEB, Dresden, and with Preiskorn's design engineers (Berechnungsingenieuren).
7. Although there is no administrative connection between Sonnenstein and EKM, in September the former was displaying an interest in wind tunnel investigations conducted by the EKM Turbinenfabrik. These investigations were concerned with turbine blade profiles; they were carried out by Preiskorn and an Ing. Waldmann, both of EKM KEB, Dresden.
8. One secretary at Sonnenstein is Frau Sander of Dresden-Weixdorf, a convinced SED member. She was previously a secretary at the EKM Turbinenfabrik.

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